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Water Board to Meet This Week in Lewiston

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The Idaho Water Resource Board will hold a meeting in Lewiston on Friday, May 13, 2005 at the Red Lion Hotel, Port 6 Meeting Room, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Issues to be discussed include minimum stream flows contained in the recently ratified Nez Perce Agreement, which settles the Tribe's water rights claims on Snake River Water. The Board will also hear updates on water rights acquisitions designed to help settle water shortage disputes on the Eastern Snake River Plain.

The Board will set natural flow rental rates for the 2005 irrigation season and adopt rental pool procedures adjusted to be consistent with rental charges for stored water included in the Nez Perce Agreement.

The Board will also consider about a half-dozen grant requests including one from the City of Kamiah to update its water master plan.

A work session will be held on at the same location on Thursday, May 12, starting at 8:30 a.m. After lunch the Board will take a field trip to the Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District to see district facilities and strategies planned to satisfy minimum stream flows required on Sweetwater Creek under the Nez Perce Agreement.

Both meetings are open to the public as is the field trip, but those interested will have to provide their own transportation.

The meeting agenda is available on the IDWR website: www.idwr.idaho.gov

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